Subject: Spanish milled dollar?

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Supertendant, of
Bureau of Ethonology,
Smithsonian Instute,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-I am enclosing herewith, photo copies, in exact size, of Indian medal found in the grave of an old Indian Cemetry, some 30 miles south of this town, one showing the face the other the reverse.

The medal of course, when found, was badly coroded, and we have only cleared away a portion, so as to show the engraving thereon. We had presumed that this was a Spanish Milled Dollar, set in a silver Disc, and hand engraved, we thought perhaps by the Jesuites, and are writing to you to accertain if the presumtion is correct.

If you could tell us anything regard its orign, and the meaning of the various designs of which it is engraved we would be very thankful.

We should also be pleased to learn if this is considered a rare find, or are its duplicates fairly common? This we belive is the first ever found in this portion of the stste. It was found by Mr A.T.Hill, of this city, who has geather many thousand Indian relecits, from various portions of the State, and in whoes interest I am writing this letter. He, in conjunction with the State Historical Society have demenstrated to the Historical Society of Kans., that their Memorial Monument, in honor with Capt. Pike, was not in Kans, but in this state, six miles east of Red Cloud. This has now been admitted correct, though it has taken 3 years to convince them of their error.

You are welcome to keep the photos, if enterested, as we have the plates, and can print others. Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I am,

Yours Very Truly,
J.S.Williams,
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